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1. (SBU) Summary: Deputy Special Envoy for Climate Change Jonathan Pershing met with EU Climate Action Commissioner Connie Hedegaard on February 10, 2010.
2. (SBU) Pershing told Hedegaard that the prospects for climate and energy legislation this year increased following the State of the Union address.
3. (SBU) Pershing said the focus for the U.S. team in January had been to encourage as many countries as possible to associate with the Copenhagen Accord.
4. (SBU) Hedegaard asked about China's perceptions on the Accord. Pershing said the letter from Premier Wen to UN Secretary general Ban Ki Moon was positive.
5. (SBU) Hedegaard said that in light of the BASIC announcement, the U.S. and EU must coordinate more closely. She asked whether the MEF process was working.
6. (SBU) Hedegaard asked if the U.S. was prepared to move forward on Fast Start funding. She said some countries like Japan and the UK will provide additional funding.
7. (U) The Deputy Special Envoy for Climate Change has cleared this cable.